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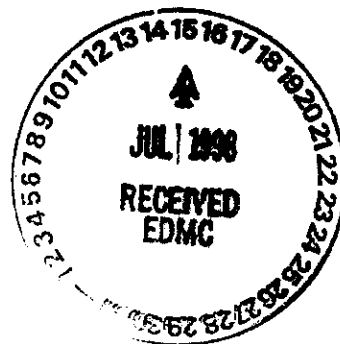
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Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Ferns:

Re: Submittal of the PUREX Surveillance and Maintenance Plan to Complete Hanford  
Federal Facility and Consent (TPA) Order Milestone M-80-00, Complete PUREX  
and UO<sub>3</sub> Plant Facility Transition Phase and Initiate the Surveillance and  
Maintenance

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Ecology has received the referenced Surveillance and Maintenance Plan, DOE/RL-98-35 and all comments have been closed-out or have been incorporated. Acceptance of this plan, prior acceptance of the Pre-closure Work Plan (DOE/RL-95-78), and the update of the End Point Criteria (WHC-SD-TTP-053) satisfy the requirements of TPA Section 8.4 and Milestone M-80-00.

Enclosed is the signed approval page. PUREX is officially transitioned to the Surveillance and Maintenance Phase. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Julian, PUREX Project Manager  
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Enclosure

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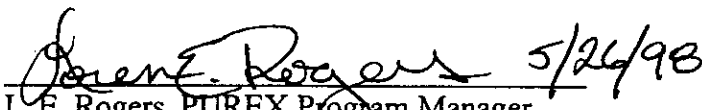
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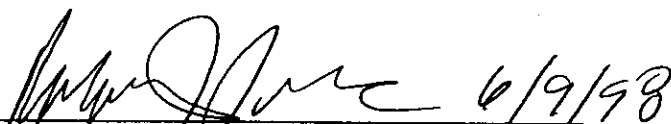
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